

DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

IAN DAVID GRANT, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION OF SCOTLAND AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAIN WORKING PARTY OF THE EUROPEAN FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS (COPA)

Ian David Grant was elected to office of President of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland in March 1984. He farms 320 acres as an owner occupier at the Thorn, Alyth, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. He produces grain (chiefly malting barley), beef, sheep and seed potatoes.

In 1977, he became a council delegate from his area (Perth), and was elected convener of the cereals committee of council of the Scottish National Farmers' Union (NFU) in 1980, a position he held for three years. He was elected a Vice-President in 1981.

Further afield, Mr. Grant was elected Chairman of the COPA Grain Working Party in Brussels in 1982, and in the same year he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Grains Committee of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Both these appointments were the first to be held by a representative of the NFU of Scotland. In 1984 he became Chairman of the IFAP Grains Committee.

In addition to his farm organization work, Mr. Grant is Vice-Chairman of East of Scotland Farmers Ltd., a farmers' cooperative; a council member of the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd.; Chairman and a founder member of Strathgrain Ltd., a grain marketing group; and a council member of the Royal Smithfield Club.

Mr. Grant is 42 years of age.

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